

(Memo to Wheelon from Gen. Carter)

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On 31 July 1964, Mr. McCone at the Director's Staff Meeting assigned to Dr. Wheelon the responsibility for preparation of a report on the scientific and technical assets that had been built up within the Agency during Mr. McCone's incumbency, and principally since Dr. Wheelon's appointment as DD/S&T. Mr. McCone intended to use this report with PFIAB, possibly the President, himself, Congressional Committees and in discussions of FMSAC and NRO.

"2. I think what he has in mind is a narrative of the consolidation efforts undertaken in the Agency to collect Pete Scoville's "critical mass" of scientific talent under one circus tent and to build on that with the type of competence you have been able to recruit from outside. You should cover the purpose of the exercise as well as the targets ~~xx~~ to which you are addressing yourself. This should be not so much a technical, statistical report as it should be a talking document or a Madison Avenue-type brochure, perhaps even with pictures and short biographical sketches of your principal officers. It should also include the development of FMSAC and a discussion of our in-house competence for bleeding the best out of industry and the scientific profession without ourselves establishing laboratory facilities. It should also cover the type of management competence we now have in-house to oversee and breathe down the necks of contractors who may be doing the actual developmental and research work for us.

(...the sooner the better since it could have a direct bearing on our NRO discussions at the highest level.)

*(This was
not done)*